

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

On the 23rd day of May, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

1. CALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 6:30 P.M.

2. CALL ROLL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Others Present: William Linn, City Manager; Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary (see list for guests in attendance)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led Pledge of Allegiance

4. PRAYER

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the prayer.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

Shayne Schroeder asked to address the Council during item #10.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- Budget process: handout for Council, and will make it available on-line. Budget seminar for residents on 06-22-23, at 5:30 p.m.; Council workshop on 06-29-23, at 6:30 p.m.
- Water meters: all meters will be manually read this month due to technical issues; we will need to purchase all new meters
- Website: working on new user friendly, City information will become transparent. Cost at approximately \$6,000 one-time fee. Staff will manage.
- SAVVY Citizen: a citizen engagement app to provide information to citizens
- Grants (GLO): MOD distribution – 3.5 million. 60-day extension granted to submit grant. TxDOT Alternative transportation grant will be submitted by June 15th. Will be applying to TWDB for water improvements
- Will be hiring quality personnel
- Repairs to pool will be budgeted for next fiscal year
- Fire Station: lighting and windows; Ardurra Engineering will inspect for structurally sound construction; living quarters will be built; training area and storage area
- Streets: Will speak to Ardurra regarding street design for Gregory/Retama to Roots project
- Water Storage Tank: will look into building new 1,000,000 tank with Texas Water Development Board assistance

- Senior Center & Splashpad: will look into remodel of building; reported receipt of final invoice for the splashpad
- Dedication of Park: will look into future date and provide information to Council, as well as, grand opening dates for fire station and city hall
- Financials: Hotel tax -- will look into billing; explained monthly transactions, revenues & expenditure percentages for current budget to date totals

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Consideration and approval of City Council Minutes: Mayor Powell asked that Item #18 on the Minutes of 04/11/2023, be amended to replace the word “lengthy” and use wording as recorded; Councilman Molina questioned the comment made by Councilman Vasquez on the Minutes of May 6, 2023, Item #7.

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2023, April 24, 2023, and May 1, 2023.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

B. Consideration and approval of financials: Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to approve the financials.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

C. Ordinance/resolution/other action items: No action items were on the agenda.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO ESTABLISHING AN EMPLOYEE PLAQUE RECOGNITION PROGRAM CELEBRATING EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES AFTER ONE (1) YEAR OF SERVICE, AFTER FIVE (5) YEARS OF SERVICE AND EACH FIFTH (5TH) YEAR THEREAFTER

Mr. Linn requested that Council consider this employee recognition program. Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to accept Mr. Linn’s proposal.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO RENOVATION COSTS AT THE BLACKLAND MUSEUM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REALLOCATE BUDGETED FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT TO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND THE REALLOCATED FUNDS

On behalf of the Blackland Museum, Mr. David Smith reported that the roof repairs were \$15,000 over the anticipated amount. He requested that City Council favorably consider allocating the \$15,000 to the Blackland. Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to allocate \$15,000 to support the Blackland Museum.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO THE CITY OF TAFT LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ARCHITECT COSTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REALLOCATE BUDGETED FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ARCHITECT'S COST; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND THE ALLOCATED FUNDS

Mr. Shayne Schroder, architect, presented Council with a new set of architect plans for the proposed library. No action was taken by the Council.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO RESOLUTION NO. 674, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL SIGNATURES OF THE CITY OF TAFT FOR BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES

Mr. Linn reported that due to change in administration, a revised signatory card was necessary. He proposed that the names on the signature card include the entire Council, the city manager and city secretary. Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, to approve Resolution No. 674, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas, authorizing and designating the official signatures of the City of Taft for banking and depository services.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO RESOLUTION NO. 675 ADOPTING THE CITY OF TAFT BANKING DEPOSITORY POLICY

Mr. Linn explained the need to have a Banking Depository Policy in place. Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to approve Resolution No. 675 adopting the City of Taft Banking Depository Policy.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO ADOPTING THE YY - ## FORMAT FOR THE NUMBERING OF THE CITY OF TAFT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Mr. Linn requested that Council consider approving the proposed format for numbering resolutions and ordinances effective with the next resolution or ordinance. Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, that adopting the yy - ## format for the numbering of the City of Taft resolutions and ordinances.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO DECLARING 14 WATER METERS LOCATED AT MR. ROY MIRABAL'S RV/TRAILER PARK AS SURPLUS; ESTABLISHING AND SETTING A PRICE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL THE WATER METERS TO MR. ROY MIRABAL

Mr. Linn reported that Mr. Mirabal currently has 14 water meters in addition to a 2" master meter. The City only needs to read the 2" meter in order to create a monthly billing. Mr. Mirabal has asked Council's consideration to purchase the 14 meters. Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to declare the 14 water meters located at Mr. Roy Mirabal's rv/trailer park as surplus; establish and set a price and authorize the city manager to sell the water meters to Mr. Roy Mirabal.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO ISSUING A LETTER OF CANCELATION FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO AWS AND FORWARDING A COPY OF AWS'S NEW OWNERSHIP GROUP FRONTIER WASTE MANAGEMENT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mr. Linn reported meeting with representatives of Frontier Waste and Republic Services and provided Council with a comparison sheet of current rates in the City and surrounding areas. Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to authorize the City Manager to renew the contract with Frontier Waste for an additional three years and add brush pickup for \$4.50 per customer.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WITH TEXPOOL FOR THE GENERAL FUND, WATER/SEWER FUND, PAVING FUND AND HOTEL/MOTEL FUND; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS IN FUNDING EACH INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to authorize the City Manager to establish a TexPool account for the general fund, water/sewer fund, paving fund and hotel/motel fund; and further authorizing the City Manager to expend city funds in funding each investment account.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO ESTABLISHING A SUMMER BASH COMMUNITY EVENT TO BE HELD ONCE PER MONTH IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST; TO INCLUDE ENTERTAINMENT AND FOOD; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS REGARDING THE EVENT

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to establish a summer bash community event to be held once per month in June, July and August; to include entertainment and food; and authorizing the city manager to expend city funds regarding the event, to include any and all organizations willing to participate, and not to exceed \$15,000.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME 8:13 P.M.

Councilman Molina motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation: **Sid Arismendez**
- Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: **Taft EDC**
- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: **Interim City Attorney**

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

7. OPEN SESSION: TIME 9:31 P.M.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney to return to open session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session be considered.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

- Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation: Sid Arismendez

Councilman Keeney Motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, in reference to Section 551.071 to take action on the item as discussed in executive session.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

- Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: Taft EDC.

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, in referencing Section 551.087, to take action on the item discussed in closed session also and to name the City Manager, Mr. William Linn, as the point man with the organization discussed in the closed session.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Interim City Attorney

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, in Section 551.074, to take action discussed in executive session.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

20. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQS) FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to direct the city manager to seek requests for qualifications for professional legal services.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

21. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARD TO ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ITEMS RELATED TO MODIFYING THE CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY OF TAFT CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. Linn reported the need to amend the codification of ordinances, beginning with chapters 2 and 3. Councilman Molina motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, to consider possible action in regards to establishing a date and time on June 29, 2023, workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to modifying chapter 2 and chapter 3 of the City of Taft codified ordinances.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

22. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Vasquez: absent

Keeney: annexation; trees in the park

Rodriguez: curb and sidewalk repairs on Davis Road due to sewer problem; update on splashpad;

Mike Garcia Park dedication

Molina: street patching; architect for fire department

Powell: Library donation agreement; trees in the park and sprinkler system; finish fire department

23. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS

Councilman Vasquez: absent

Councilman Keeney: None

Councilman Rodriguez: None

Councilman Molina: None

Mayor Powell: ribbon cutting for Mike Garcia Park, Julia Alvarado Senior Center, fire station and city hall

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussions, Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

CITY OF TAFT
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 23, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Please Sign In – PLEASE PRINT

1. <u>Melanie Hickey</u>	19. _____
2. <u>Sandy Rossetti</u>	20. _____
3. <u>JAY PHAGAN</u>	21. _____
3. <u>Linda Watson</u>	22. _____
5. <u>SHAYNE SCHROEDER</u>	23. _____
6. <u>Dottie Gatz</u>	24. _____
7. <u>Ginny Winsauer</u>	25. _____
8. <u>Georgina Sikas</u>	26. _____
9. <u>David Sikas</u>	27. _____
10. <u>Matthew TAMEZ</u>	28. _____
11. <u>Jason Keeney</u>	29. _____
12. <u>Ryan Smith</u>	30. _____
13. <u>Pastor Scott Patton</u>	31. _____
14. _____	32. _____
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18. _____	36. _____